



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION**



**PROPANE GAS GUIDANCE
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How to Manage Propane Tanks and Cylinders in Areas Affected by the Fires

The recent fires have affected many areas in the County of San Diego where propane gas is used for daily activities ranging from home heating to equipment operation. This factsheet provides useful guidelines in dealing with propane tanks in these fire-affected areas and proper management of propane.

Home Heating Tanks

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) has been in contact with propane suppliers in San Diego County. HMD has been advised that most of the companies in San Diego County are sending out service technicians to survey and inspect customer tanks that may have been affected by fire. Technicians are identifying tanks that are damaged and having them repaired and/or removed for testing and replacement as necessary. If you are concerned that the propane tank used to heat your home has been damaged or would like to have a service technician inspect it, please call your propane service provider. **If your tank is leaking, please call 911 and your propane service provider.**

Propane Tanks for BBQ's (5 gallon size)

If your tank has been affected by fire, it is recommended you replace it. Most of the companies specializing in propane sales and service in San Diego County have indicated they are able to accept BBQ propane tanks that may have been affected by the fire.

If you purchased your tank at a local store through an exchange service/distributor such as PPX or Blue Rhino, contact the distributor directly to find out the locations where damaged tanks can be returned. It is not recommended that you return tanks affected by fire to retail stores directly. Retail stores may not be prepared to handle these types of tanks. Please see phone numbers on the reverse of this page.

If you do not know where you purchased your BBQ propane tank, you may be able to return the tank at a local propane supplier. Call the propane supplier first to make arrangements. Proper management of damaged propane tanks will protect you and your community. Please do your part to prevent injuries from propane tanks by:

- **Not transporting leaking BBQ propane tanks in your car**
- **Not disposing of BBQ propane tanks in the trash**

Please call the Hazardous Materials Duty Desk at (619) 338-2231 if you have additional questions regarding the management of hazardous materials or visit our website at: www.sdcountry.ca.gov/deh/hmd

The reverse of this factsheet contains a partial list with some of the propane suppliers in San Diego County. For additional suppliers, please consult your local telephone book.

PARTIAL LIST OF PROPANE SUPPLIERS IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Name	Address	Phone Number
AMERIGAS/PPX	326 PINE ST, RAMONA 92065	760-789-3100
AMERIGAS/PPX	120 WOODLAND PWY., SAN MARCOS 92069	760-744-1821
AMERIGAS/PPX	9350 MIRAMAR RD, SAN DIEGO 92126	858-578-8656
BLUE RHINO	CONTACT: RUDY PADILLA	(760) 747-1500
COUNTY PROPANE	12812 JACKSON HILL DR, EL CAJON 92021	619-443-4300
FERRELL GAS	8088 MIRAMAR RD, SAN DIEGO 92126	858-271-4400
FERRELL GAS	1425 GRAND AV, SAN MARCOS 92069	760-471-0636
PACIFIC PROPANE SERVICE	107 S VINEWOOD ST, ESCONDIDO 92029	760-746-5500
PACIFIC PROPANE SERVICE	28419 COLE GRADE RD, VALLEY CENTER 92082	760-746-5500
PRO-FLAME	107 S VINEWOOD ST ESCONDIDO 92029	760-746-5500
RAMONA PROPANE	1259 MAIN ST, RAMONA-92065	760-788-6262